

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/551,988  
Applicant : Gerhard HAMPRECHT et al  
Filed : October 5, 2005  
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Examiner : John Mabry

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Customer No. : 6449  
Confirmation No.: 6444

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Accordingly, with a one month extension of time, this amendment is being timely filed on or before September 26, 2008. The Director is authorized to charge any fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.